

# PURPOSES OF WHITE AND STRATEGY OF JOUBERT

## London Military Experts Explain the Movements In and About Ladysmith.

### BOERS MAY MARCH TO THE SEA

A Black Menace That Sobers Every Reflective Englishman When He Attempts to Forecast the Results of the War.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

General White's force is now known to have been strengthened by regular and local levies from Pietermaritzburg until it includes fully 15,000 men, with additional battalions moving up from the coast.

The object of the British reconnaissance in force from Ladysmith is readily explained by military writers for today's London papers. It was an attempt to draw the Boer force, which had been twice attacked, into another engagement before it could be heavily reinforced from the main body under General Joubert. General White had not succeeded in his purpose Saturday, and while the war office was suspected of suppressing important dispatches the situation in Natal was unchanged. By the scanty news received yesterday a great battle still seems imminent, since two large Boer forces are reported near Ladysmith, even if General White has not made a determined attack of the enemy's position. General Joubert is credited by more than one military writer with using Fabian tactics at Ladysmith, where General White's force can be masked by an army of equal strength acting on the defensive, and also with the bold maneuver of overrunning Natal with the remainder of his troops and striking at Pietermaritzburg and Durban.

It is not easy to believe that he will cut off his own communication with Ladysmith and march to the sea, as Sherman set out from Atlanta for the coast, and there is one sharp line of divergence between the two military situations. Sherman knew he would have command of the sea when he reached Savannah, but Joubert at Durban would be exposed to an attack from British fleet.

A rumor has reached London that a considerable Boer force is moving from Vryheid on Melmoth in Zululand, whence the distance to Durban will be something over a hundred miles; but this is a slender foundation for the theory that the Boers may repeat Sherman's strategy and make a bold dash for the sea. What they are more likely to do is to break off the communications of Ladysmith with the sea by sending a body of raiders from the Free State mountain passes to blow up the bridges over the streams, which are now swollen with the rains.

When this has been done and every wire to the coast has been cut, Joubert's forces can be concentrated against General White's army and all supplies and reinforcements for Ladysmith be intercepted. This is what some of the shrewdest military experts are expecting.

But they are underrating General White's vigilance and intelligence and are giving the Boer commanders more credit for strategical skill, mobility and maneuvering power than has yet been displayed.

While General White is compelled to defend Ladysmith and protect his line of communication with the coast, General Joubert can operate in any direction in Natal without being exposed to a flank attack and without having his retreat to Dutch territory cut off. The best explanation of General White's second reconnaissance in force is that he suspects General Joubert's intention of throwing a large force between him and his coast base and is eager to draw the Boers into pitched battle near Ladysmith and inflict a crushing defeat.

There is little news respecting the menace of an uprising of black races against the whites, now fighting a battle for supremacy. The Basutos, who have 60,000 warriors, are reported to be less excited and more indifferent to the issues of the white man's warfare. It is this black menace that sobers every reflecting Englishman when he attempts to forecast the chances of war in Africa.

Little now appears in print about naval preparations. This is because the government learned from the comments of the continental press that the signs of unwelcome activity were exciting suspicions and the admiralty at once took effective measures for preventing a leakage of naval news.

There are no fresh rumors of Russian and French intrigue and there is no probability that any coalition will be formed against England or that any organized attempt will be made to bring into operation the arbitration machinery improvised by the peace commissioners.

The American peace commissioners at Paris established the principle once for all that arbitration must precede, not follow an outbreak of hostilities. This truth is beginning to be discerned in every capital of the continent.

#### FEW BETS ON THE FIGHT.

Jeffries and Sharkey Both in Prime Condition and the Sale of Seats Enormous.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—With the world's championship battle less than five days distant, James J. Jeffries declares that he is in perfect condition and his muscles stronger than when he defeated Fitzsimmons.

Tom Sharkey professed the utmost confidence in himself, and judges of form like his looks.

The advance sale of tickets for the fight has been enormous, and the indications point to a packed house. Orders for seats have been received from as far west as San Francisco.

Although the fight is but a few days off, very few big bets have been recorded on the contest. This has been due to a feeling of apprehension owing to Jeffries' mishaps.

#### CHINESE QUESTION TO BE INVESTIGATED

#### OUR INTERESTS PROTECTED

President Will Ask an Appropriation to Prevent Discrimination by European Nations in the Oriental Partition.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: President McKinley is expected to renew in his forthcoming message his recommendation that an appropriation be made for a commission to investigate the commercial and industrial condition of the Chinese empire.

No radical change in the policy of the United States with respect to China is contemplated by the president. It is proposed to safeguard American interests in every way. No discriminating treatment of American citizens or American trade will be permitted for an instant, and undoubtedly the inauguration of the exclusion policy on the part of the foreign governments possessing spheres of influence in China will be bitterly opposed by this government. However, such a contingency as the latter is not expected.

It has been stated that the strong reinforcement of Rear Admiral Watson's command is with a view to making the United States an important factor in the Asiatic situation. An official with whom I talked today told me that the vessels added to Watson's force were assigned to it upon the express recommendation of Admiral Dewey for the effect it would have on the insurrection in the Philippines, and has no reference to China.

As soon as the insurrection is quelled, it is the intention of the department, unless future developments should arise, to withdraw the larger ships,

though the two monitors, Monadnock and Monterey, will remain at Manila as a naval guard for that city.

#### WELL AT MAPEKING.

The Two Commanders Exchange Commitments.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—A dispatch to the World from Mafeking, October 23, via Cape Town, says:

Commandant Crooke of the Boer forces besieging Mafeking sent word to Colonel Baden-Powell, commanding the British garrison, demanding the surrender of the town in order to "avoid further bloodshed."

Colonel Baden-Powell returned a curt refusal to surrender, together with the sarcastic inquiry, "When will the bloodshed begin?"

The only blood spilled thus far in consequence of the shelling by the Boers has been that of one chicken, which was killed, and one dog, which was only wounded.

Everybody here is well, up to date, and food is plentiful and the place seems entirely safe, though rather dull in consequence of shutting off all communication with the outside world. The besieging Boers do not show themselves much. It was reported that they are suffering from dysentery and lack of good food.

#### BEAT OUT THE SOUTHERN ROAD.

Northern Lines Get Most of Homeward Volunteer Travel Away From Huntington.

Tacoma Ledger.

The war on the Southern Pacific by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific over the business incident to the movement of the returning volunteer regiments has been carried out successfully, with the prospect that the former road is shut out from a large amount of business incident to carrying the regiments yet to arrive. When the volunteer army was mustered in in 1898 the Southern Pacific learned several days in advance of the other roads that the point of rendezvous would be San Francisco. The result was that when announcement of the fact was made agents of the road were in every state sending troops, working for the business. The move was eminently successful and by far the greater majority of the men were carried to Ogden, Utah, via connecting lines, and from there to San Francisco over the Central and Southern Pacific.

This fact was remembered when the regiments began to return, and the two northernmost lines combined to prevent the Southern Pacific from making the rates, and cut the tariff for returning soldiers in such a manner as to curtail the proportion which the latter road received. From its position it was the only line to carry troops from San Francisco to Portland, yet by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific refusing to make advantageous rates as connections, the Southern Pacific was forced to accept small rates and to take smaller proportions.

#### CHANGE OF PLAN.

Instead of Two Independent Organizations, the O. R. & N. Will Be Merged With the U. P.

Tacoma Ledger.

The consolidation of the Union Pacific and O. R. & N. offices is under way and the announcement comes that the consolidation will be continued indefinitely. Though as yet none of the higher officials of either road have been touched, it is certain in time they will be reached and there will be a number of vacant positions.



When Baby's Ill.

When the little loved one is sick, when his brow is fevered, his pulse rapid, its features pinched with pain and there are great blue circles under its eyes, the mother hovers about the bedside, and with anxious eyes tries to read the meaning of every expression upon the physician's face.

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The abolishment of a number of offices at common points has been predicted by railroad men who were following the course of events. They did not believe the Union Pacific would continue to maintain costly and useless offices when by consolidation the work could be done as well at less expense.

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New York Press.

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#### TABLES ARE TURNED.

England's Delay in Getting Troops to Africa Worse Than She Criticized in Our Cuban Campaign.

San Francisco Chronicle.

England is now getting some of the same medicine which she dealt out to us at the beginning of the Cuban campaign. She has been criminally dilatory in forwarding troops to South Africa, with the result that a half dozen garrisons will be placed in peril for six weeks before relief can come to them. We were slow in getting troops to Cuba, but we had to create a transport service. England has a big transport fleet, but her officials showed lack of capacity in shipping men rapidly to South Africa.

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